

DEFY needs 40 volunteers

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

More than 40 volunteers are needed for this year’s Drug Education For Youth camp July 7 to July 12.

“This is an opportunity for someone to impact and enhance a child’s life,” said Capt. Nina Perino, camp director.

More than 30 people volunteered last year. People can be mentors and volunteer the whole week or just volunteer an hour or two to help out with the camp.

Mentors are equivalent to camp counselors and take 20 hours of training.

People who volunteer only a few hours will take a one-hour course.

Volunteers aren’t required to come up with any of the curriculum for the camp.

Mentors need to sign up by June 19, and hourly volunteers are needed by June 25.

All volunteers receive a T-shirt, polo shirt, sweat shirt and hat. A limited number of Backpacks and water bottles are also available for individuals who volunteer the most hours.

“DEFY is a two-phase program to help children resist drugs, alcohol and gangs,” Captain Perino said.

Phase I is a leadership camp where every day is filled with activities ranging from self-esteem builders to physical fitness.

“This program builds protective factors, like raising self-esteem, so when the kids are approached about drugs, they’ll say no,” said Julie Owens, DEFY project officer.

Phase II is 10-months long, and involves mentor contact with the children and monthly activities or outings.

At the end of the program, the children are encouraged to join other positive activities, such as civil air patrol or the 4-H Club.

The Air Force adopted the DEFY program from the Navy. Columbus AFB was one of the first bases to start the program in 1999.

The program is for ages 9 to 12, is limited to the first 24 who register and is open to military, civilian and DynCorp dependents.

Everything is absolutely free, including meals and trips.

For more information about the program or to sign up, call Ext. 2353 or Ext. 2235.



Kent Oestenstad, 1st Mississippi Light Artillery, talks to John Cooper and Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Richard Cooper, air show attendants, about life in the Civil War era. See Page 16 for more photos and a story.

Wings Over Columbus huge success

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More than 60,000 people gathered on the flightline for Wings Over Columbus Sunday.

Vendors, static displays and flying demonstrations kept air show visitor’s busy throughout the day.

“The Columbus team, from the Columbus AFB BLAZE team and our partners downtown, all 500 plus came together to host Wings Over Columbus 2003,” said Lt. Col. Rick Johnson, air show director. “While there were snags, this team came together to keep them transparent to our 60,000 guests. No matter what

role you played, from security augmentee to picking up flight line trash, it all had to be done to make this the best air show in the history of Columbus AFB.”

Some of the civilian acts at the show included Nickolay Timofeev — a Russian test pilot and three-time aerobatics world champion — who flew the Soviet-built SU-26 to Tchaikovsky’s “Swan Lake.”

“It was obvious to anyone who had a clue about air shows that this year’s event was one that you needed to capture and put in a bottle,” said Nick Ardillo, Golden Triangle Regional Airport director. “Absolutely superb planning and execution.”

The highlight of the air show was the Air Force’s premier aerial demonstration team, the Thunderbirds.

“The Thunderbirds were awesome,” said Crystal Richardson of Columbus. “I’ve never seen anything like them.”

“Absolutely outstanding air show — the best organized show I’ve been to, your folks couldn’t do enough for us,” said Lt. Col. Richard McSpadden Jr., Thunderbirds commander. “Their commitment to excellent support was evident at every turn. Your static line up was impressive as was your publicity and services support. All a factor of great leadership.”

Vacation Bible School makes big splash at chapel

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

More than 180 Columbus AFB children went on a “Deep Sea” safari Monday through today during the chapel’s Vacation Bible School.

Sixty-six volunteers and yearly favorite, Chadder the Chipmunk, transformed the chapel into an under-the-sea wonder world for the Super Cool Underwater Bible Adventure, or SCUBA for short.

The children swam their way though Bible verses, deep-sea dove through crafts and snorkeled for buried treasure.

“I liked the arts and crafts and eating the snacks,” said 7-year-old Ava Benham, SCUBA adventurer.

School started each morning with Cathy Rash, bedecked in a wetsuit and flippers, and Chadder led the children in songs. The children then broke into age groups where they spent the rest of the morning hearing bible stories, making bible-related crafts and playing games.

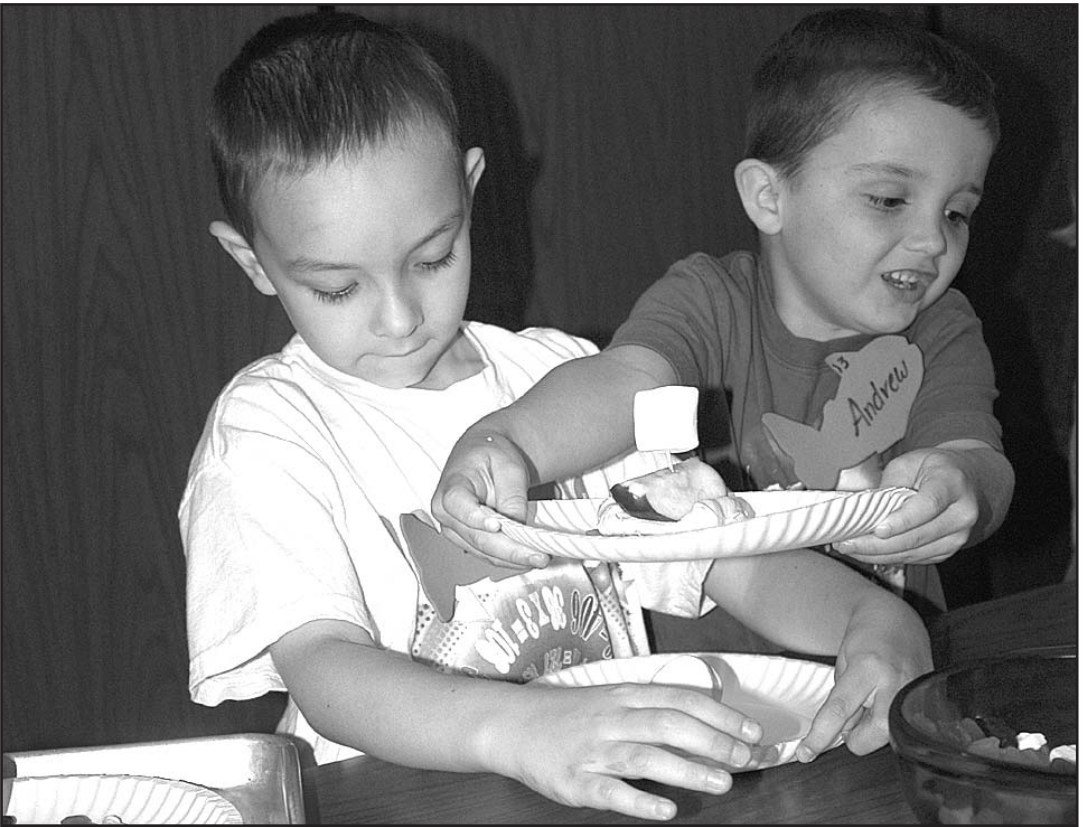
“We do our absolute best to ensure

that this week is action-packed,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Rash, senior protestant chaplain. “The 15 hours these kids spend with us could make a big difference in their future attitudes toward church. So the daily activities we prepare are all focused on communicating the truth that God cares about them.”

According to Joy Garrison Vacation, Bible School coordinator, the event is predominately a volunteer effort.

“I can not put into words my appreciation to all the volunteers and people who donated items to our Vacation Bible School program,” Mrs. Garrison said. “We had a record number of children and volunteers this year, and I owe a great big thank you to those who used their time and talents to make this program a success. You are all awesome.”

The chapel offers a variety of worship services for the Columbus AFB community. For more information call Ext. 2500. *(Editors note: See next week’s edition of the Silver Wings for more Vacation Bible School coverage.)*



Evan Anderson, 6, and Andrew Lynch, 5, make sailboat snacks at Vacation Bible School.

14th MSS wins commander’s Gift of Life Trophy again



Staff Sgt. Kevin Martens, 14th Security Forces Squadron, gets prepped by Patrice Perkins, Mississippi United Blood Services, to donate blood at the chapel annex.

1st Lt. Richard Blakewood
Public affairs

The 14th Mission Support Squadron had the highest percentage of eligible donors who participated in the blood drive June 23 at the chapel annex, earning them the Gift of Life Trophy.

“Blood drives are vital to the community,” said Heather Moore, United Blood Services.

“Right now the blood supply is very low and every unit collected goes to local area patients,” Ms. Moore said.

Lt. Col. Jim Davis, 14th MSS commander, accepted the trophy for his squadron Monday. Honorable mention went to the 14th Contracting Squadron, 14th Communications Squadron, 14th Security Forces Squadron and 14th Comptroller Flight.

“The commanders make it happen,” said Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. “Everyone is

begging for blood. This could save someone’s life. Giving really does matter.”

Overall, 57 people donated blood, with nine individuals donating double, for a total of 66 units collected.

“One day, it hit me that my family or I might need blood and I also wanted to help others that might need it,” said Danny Washington, 14CS. “I made a pledge to myself that I would give blood every chance I got.”

Donating blood takes about 30 minutes, most of that time spent reclining in a chair. Every donor receives a free T-shirt.

“Donating blood is another prime example of service before self,” said Staff Sgt. Kevin Martens, 14SFS. “Being military members, we help preserve democracy but the act of donating blood helps in preserving human life.”

The next blood drive is scheduled for Aug. 29. For more information, call Ext. 2197.

Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speakers Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can come to the public affairs office and fill out an application. Call Ext. 7068.

NEWS BRIEFS

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association general membership meeting is at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the community center. For more information, call Ext. 7120.

Change of command

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron change of command is at 8 a.m. June 13 at the Wing Ceremonial Plaza. Lt. Col. Michael Hass relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Joseph Lacatus.

Relay for life

The 14th Comptroller Flight invites all base units and organizations to join the American Cancer Society Relay for Life team.

All Columbus AFB participants are on the same team, but an intersquadron challenge is to see which unit can raise the most money.

Relay for Life is from 6 p.m. June 20 to 6 a.m. June 21 at the Columbus High School track.

The unit that raises the most money is awarded a plaque.

All proceeds go to benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information or to sign up for the team, call Ext. 2530.

Club member wins \$3,500 vacation

Rachel Kasic

14th Services Division

A Columbus AFB club member won one of four grand prize vacation packages sponsored by the Air Education and Training Command's Premier Vacation Program.

William McLeod, a retired colonel and former 14th Flying Training Wing commander, was presented a \$3,500 vacation voucher by Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th FTW commander.

"This must be a mistake," said Mr. McLeod when he found out he'd won. "Surely this was intended for one of the younger troops or a new Club member."

Mr. McLeod has been club member since 1943. He hasn't decided where he's going yet, but he will work with the information, ticket and travel office to design his custom vacation. The \$3,500 vacation voucher is used to cover the costs of one or more vacations to include a cruise, air travel, rental cars, and admissions to parks and resorts.

"The 14th Services Division congratulates Mr. McLeod and looks forward to announcing more winners of command-sponsored membership drive programs," said Louella Anderson,

14th SD chief. "Membership and participation in services activities increases your opportunity to be the next name announced."

People who purchase a large drink from the bowling center from now until August could win a trip to the Winston Cup. For more information on services activities, call Ext. 2337.



Elizabeth Davis

William McLeod, services club member, receives a BLAZE coin from Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander.

Officials release promotion dates

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The Air Force plans to release its list of new technical and master sergeant promotions June 26 (June 27 for those units across the international date line).

The list of new staff sergeant promotions will be released Aug. 13 (Aug. 14 for those units across the international date line).

The lists of those selected for promotion will be available on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page by 4:30 p.m. CDT June 27 and Aug. 14, respectively.

The announcements were delayed from the originally scheduled dates to allow as many deployed airmen as possible to be considered in the regular promotion cycles.

The delays will have no effect on the promotion effective dates: Aug. 1 for technical and master sergeants and Sept. 1 for staff sergeants.

"Waiting to find out if you've been

selected for promotion can be nerve-racking, and we know that," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, chief of the enlisted promotions branch here.

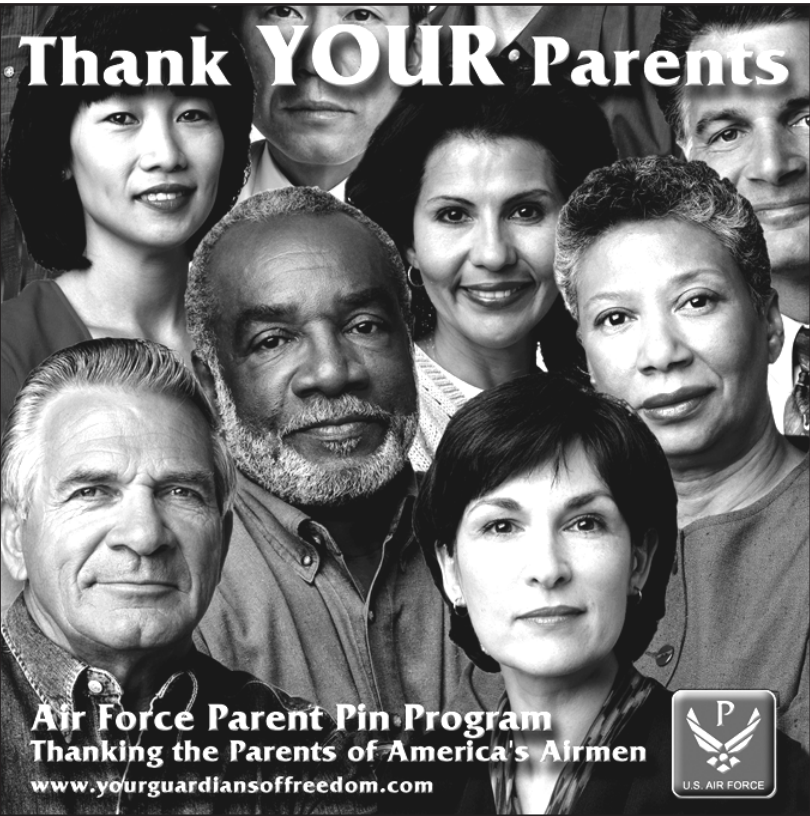
"But we want to give everyone the opportunity they deserve to make promotion this year," Chief Billingsley said.

"By waiting to make selections we can consider more people," he added.

"Our goal is to try and mirror, as closely as possible, a list where 100 percent of the eligibles had been able to test in the normal timeframe," Chief Billingsley said.

"This delay will help ensure the Weighted Airman Promotion System continues to be fair and equitable for all airmen competing for promotion," Chief Billingsley said.

The personnel center's home page is at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News.)



Commander warns BLAZE team to keep safety in mind

Col. Steve Schmidt

14th FTW commander



Last week, we kicked off the "101 critical days of summer" with the wing safety briefings May 29, followed by squadron safety briefings May 30.

But just three days later, a member of the BLAZE team foolishly placed his life and the lives of others in jeopardy by driving drunk. In addition, two other BLAZE team members were involved in a serious motorcycle accident caused by poor judgment.

How could these three individuals have been so irresponsible such a short time after dedicating an entire workday to safety?

Perhaps the message was not clear — our actions produce consequences. Actions stemming from poor judgment, irresponsible and reckless behaviors produce dangerous consequences.

These three individuals were fortunate; they suffered only injuries as a result of their poor judgment.

At least seven other Air Force members were not so lucky last year when they died in motorcycle fatalities during the 101 Critical Days of Summer. Five Air Force members died in alcohol related accidents during that same period.

Already this summer, one Air Force member died in a fatal motorcycle accident.

Surprisingly, the top two leading causes of death in the Air Force are drunken driving and motorcycle accidents. Be aware and be smart. We need every one of you on the BLAZE team healthy, safe and fully mission capable.

A drunk driver has more potential to kill than a

drunk with a loaded gun. I know we don't have killers at Columbus, so please don't put yourself or anyone else in that situation. If you drink, plan ahead and designate a driver. If you host a party, make sure everyone has a safe way home. At the very least, call the command post at Ext. 7020 — they will find you a ride home without repercussion.

If you ride and have not taken the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Experienced Riders Course, please call wing safety at Ext. 2518 to sign up now. It's not just a good idea; it's mandatory on- and off-duty.

All riders are also required to notify their unit motorcycle safety representative, meet with their commander for a risk assessment, complete an Air Education and Training Form 708 and have a mentor assigned.

Despite all these precautions, no safety program or training event will prevent mishaps — only you can do that. It's your responsibility. Don't take it lightly.

Everyone needs to 'get to work'

Tech. Sgt. Calvin Nelson

37th Comptroller Squadron

LACKLAND AFB, Texas — Driving to work recently, I heard a clug, clug, clug sound coming from my van. Immediately, I think it serves me right for buying a cheap, second-hand van.

I pull over at a gas station to take a look. To my great relief it's just a flat tire — one of the few repair jobs within my realm of expertise.

I get out the spare tire and the jack. As I start the wonderful task, a man comes up behind me.

He's a little fellow, and the first thought that comes to mind is that I'm sure I could take him if I had to.

Instead, he inquires if I need help. I tell him I've changed many flat tires and one more won't kill me.

"You let me handle this," the man said. "I'm a mechanic; you need to get to work."

"This should only take a minute. I'll be fine," I tell him.

"No, let me do this," he replies. "You need to get to work."

I think for a minute and get the feeling that changing my tire is important to him. It's more than just being friendly.

As he goes about his work, we chat and I find out this man is really concerned about the situation in Iraq and he repeatedly wishes me and other military members well. As I drive off, I think back to the words he repeated so many times, "You need to get to work."

This guy hit it on the head. We all need to get to work. All the people we see on the news in Iraq need our support. Don't take your part for granted. It's nice to be reminded of how many civilians believe in us, depend on us and, more importantly, support us.

He got it right. Everyone — military and civilian — must "get to work" and keep this man and the folks in Iraq safe and worry free.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.



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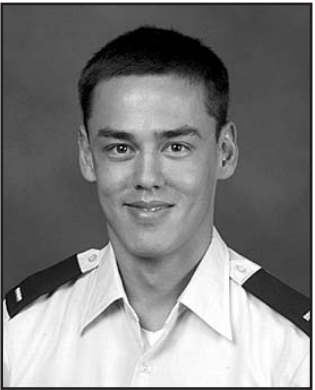
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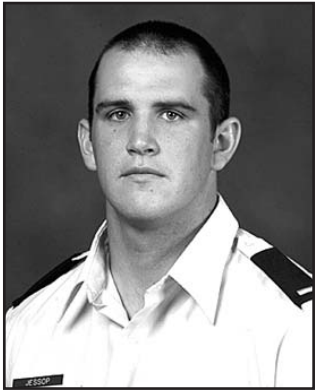
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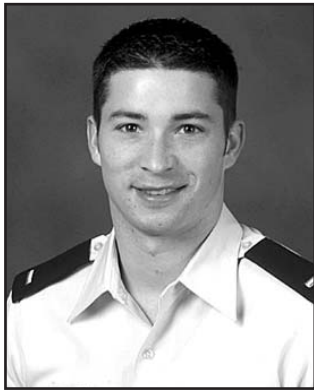
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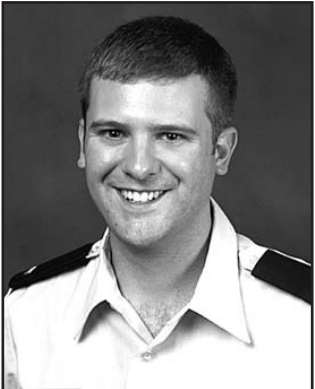
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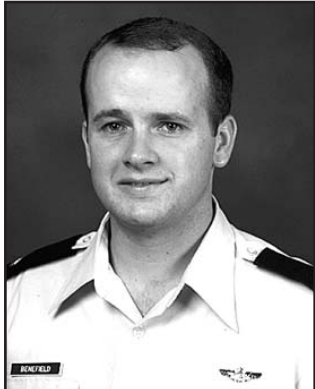
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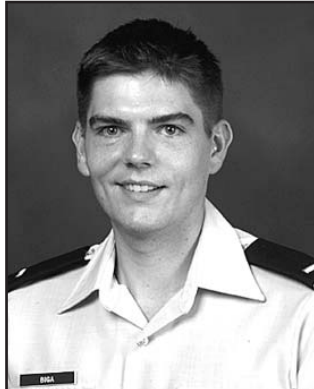
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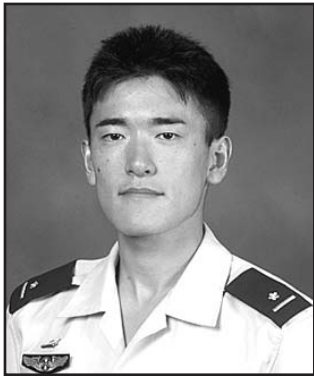
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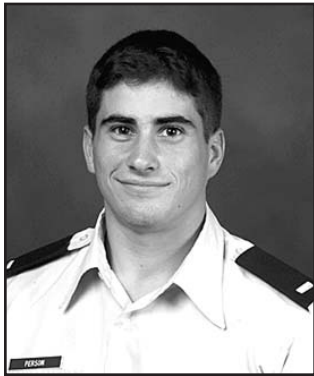
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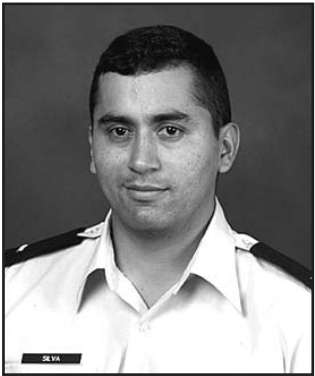
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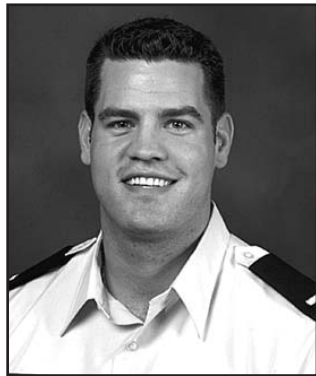
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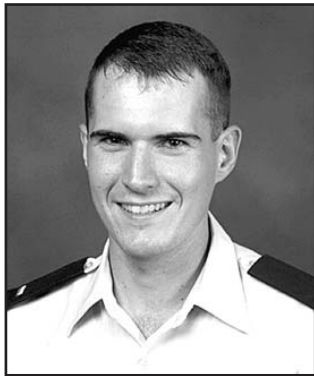
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SUPT Class 03-10 earns silver wings

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-10 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

Twenty-six officers prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

The graduation speaker is Lt. Gen. John Hopper Jr., Vice Commander, Air Education and Training Command, with headquarters at Randolph AFB, Texas. The command recruits, trains and educates more than 370,000 men and women for the aerospace force and the nation.

Students received their silver pilot's wings at today's ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

First Lt. Michael Blauser, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Paul Dorrance, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award were presented to 2nd Lts. Richard Carter, T-1, and Kris Person, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Blauser, Dorrance and 2nd Lt. Robert Hendrix, T-1, were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency proce-

dures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet.

T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

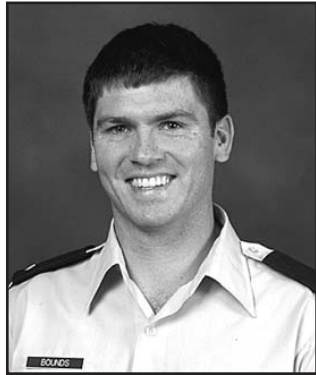
Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are Service Master Building Maintenance Inc. and YMCA.)*



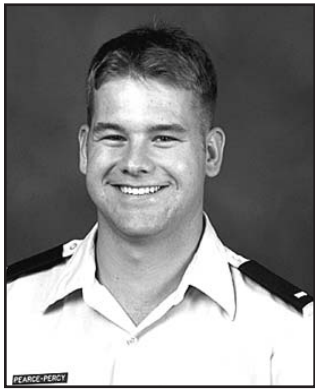
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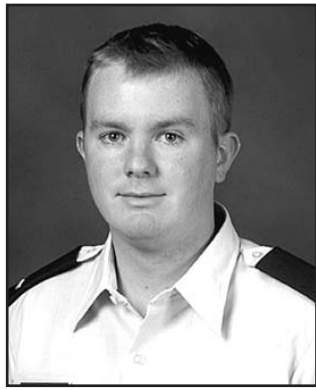
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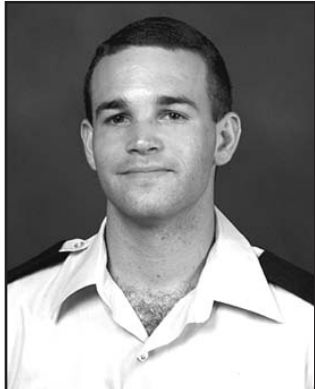
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AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

The theater is closed for renovations until further notice. For more information, call the shoppette at 434-6026.

COMMISSARY

The commissary hours are:
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Thursdays
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Saturdays
Closed — Mondays

FITNESS CENTER

The fitness and sports center hours are:
5 a.m. to 11 p.m. — Mondays through Thursdays
5 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Fridays
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Saturdays and Sundays

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 1st Lt. Richard Blakewood for more information at Ext. 7065.

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9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
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FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Give parents a break: If a person is deployed, on extended TDY, remote or the family is relocating, the family could qualify for six hours of free childcare at the child development center from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 21.

Reservations must be made by close of business June 18. For more information, call Shirley Pickney.

Bundles of Joy: Bundles of Joy is from 2 to 4 p.m. June 24. This program is for pregnant Air Force active-duty women or spouses.

The class gives information from how to care for newborns to preparing their college funds.

Every participant receives a gift package valued at \$50.

The deadline to sign up for this program is June 23.

Sponsor training: The next sponsor training class is at 9 a.m. June 30 at the family support center.

Sponsor training is also available on the public folders, through email. For more information on how to access it, call the family support center.

Transition workshop: A transition assistance program workshop is from July 8 to July 10 at the family support center.

People may attend up to two years before retirement or one year before separation.

The topics include resumes, interviews, job hunting skills, health benefits, veterans affairs benefits, small business development and related transition topics.

Self-paced learning: The family support center offers self-paced computer study programs in Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, Front-Page and PhotoDraw in three levels of expertise.

To improve your computer skills, call Mark Horning.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Saving coupons

Tammy Bates, commissary shopper, sorts through coupons at the check-out lane. The commissary limits coupon use to only one per item, unless there is a special double coupon offer. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

Children and war: The family support center offers their services to help parents explain war and deployments to their children.

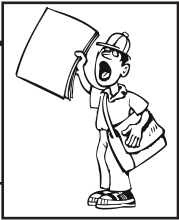
Stop by the FSC to pick up complete packages to help make children less confused.

Calling cards: Free \$20-valued phone cards are offered to all people going on contingency TDYs for 30 days or longer. This is sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society.

Phone cards must be issued to military personnel. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman.

Videophones: Videophones are available for family members of deployed, TDY or remote military people.

BASE NOTES



Grill usage: Housing residents are not allowed to use grills or flame-producing equipment under carports or enclosed patios.

Grills aren't allowed to be used within 10 feet of any structure. For more information, call Ext. 2269.

Uniform wear: The Air Education and Training Command commander has directed a return of the policy on uniform wear while traveling on government orders.

Uniform instruction: The Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance, supplement for Air Education and Training Command is now available online.

The supplement can be found at www.aetc.af.mil.

Car care: The auto hobby shop offers basic car care classes.

The classes teach oil changes, tire rotations and many other do-it-yourself skills.

For more information or to sign up for a class, call Ext. 7842.

Traffic office: The traffic management office is closed for training Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Regular hours of operation is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

For more information, call Ext. 2684.

SERVICES SNAPSHOTS

Services offers variety of activities, programs

American Cafe open: The Columbus Club's American Cafe opens from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and is open to all ranks.

Club members receive a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game.

Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 56 numbers or less. Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players. Call Ext. 2489.

Disc jockey Maze: Disc Jockey Maze entertains from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today in the enlisted lounge.

Enlisted lounge open Saturday: The enlisted lounge is open from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. and features "The Marquees" starting at 9 p.m.

Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers this special brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$10.95 with club members receiving a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

Read by mail: Join the worldwide reading program in conjunction with the Book Adventure Program available through the internet and created by Sylvan Learning Foundation.

The program is open to youth center members in kindergarten through 8th grade. The program runs until Sept. 1. Call Ext. 2504.

Space center trip: The youth center offers a free trip Sunday to the Space Center in Huntsville, Ala. Seating is limited to the first 26 registered.

The bus leaves at 7 a.m. and returns at approximately 6 p.m. Call Ext. 2504.

Computer camp: The youth center offers a free five-day computer camp from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through June 13 for ages 9 and older. Limited to the first 10 children registered. Call Ext. 2504.

Library summer reading program: Register for the library's summer reading program any time they are open until

June 13. This program is open to children entering grades 1 to 6 and meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Call Ext. 2934.

2003 Air Force space camp: Today is the last day for submitting an application to the youth center for a scholarship to the 2003 Space Camp from Aug. 2 to Aug. 8 in Huntsville, Ala. Participants must be 12 to 18 years old and have a minimum grade point average of 2.8 or higher, complete the application, be interviewed by the youth director and have two letters of recommendation from two significant adults other than the parents and provide a list of extracurricular activities along with written verification of participation.

Scholarship pays for all lodging, meals and activity fees at the camp. Transportation costs will be the responsibility of the parents.

For application and more information, visit the youth center or call Ext. 2504.

Casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss. June 20. Cost is \$15 per person and includes transportation and \$15 in coin. The bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. and returns around 2 a.m. Call Ext. 7858.

Youth development conference: The youth center offers a free overnight conference for ages 9 to 17 June 18 to June 19 at Plymouth Bluff on the west bank of the Lock and Dam. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. Wednesday and returns around 6 p.m. after a tour of Mississippi State University.

The conference features several workshops that focus on social and community awareness topics such as appreciating diversity, building cooperation skills, communication skills, strengthening friendship and preventing gang violence.

Participants play games, eat food listen to guest speakers.

The trip is limited to the first 40 to register. Call Ext. 2504.

Parents day out: Make reservations by June 18 for Parents Day Out from 4 to 10 p.m. is scheduled for June 21. Cost is \$3 an hour per child and a nonrefundable \$5 deposit is required when making reservations.

For information or to reserve a space



Rachel Kasic

Quick shot bingo

Shelley Vanderplas, skills development center, plays quick shot bingo at the bowling center. Cards are \$1 each with cash prizes awarded. Customers may play any time the bowling center is open. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

for your child, call the youth center at Ext. 2479.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$7.95 per person — Club members receive \$2 discount — Cost includes vegetable, tossed salad and beverage — Ala carte menu also available

Today
Fried catfish
Popcorn shrimp
Banana pudding

Monday
Fried chicken
Meat loaf
Peach cobbler

Tuesday
Fajitas
Burritos
Apple crispitos

Wednesday
Stuffed peppers
Spaghetti
Banana pudding

Thursday
Soup, salad and potato bar

Lighthouse aglow: The Columbus Lighthouse Aglow is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Columbus Library.

The speaker this month is Carol Peterson from Louisville, Miss. There is no July meeting, but another meeting is scheduled for Aug. 2. For more information, call 327-2718.

Luncheon: A lunch and learn educational program on stress is from noon to 1 p.m. June 13 at the Baptist-Golden Triangle Conference Center Outpatient Pavilion. People are encouraged to bring their own lunches. For more information, call Hospice at (662) 243-1173.

The Hobbitt: J.R.R. Toliken’s “The Hobbitt”, a play for adults and children is June 19 to June 21 at Streetcar Productions.

For reservations or more information, call 240-1832.

Balloonfest: A balloon fest is June 20 through June 22 at Whittington Park in Greenwood, Miss. Admission is \$15 for June 20, \$20 for June 21 and free for the June 22 Bluesfest. The event features hot air balloons, carnival rides, children activities, a bike fest, food and souvenirs. No food, drink, coolers or pets may be brought into the park. Audio or video recording is also not allowed. For more information, call (800) 748-9064 or visit www.greenwoodballoonfest.com.

JuneTeenth: A festival celebrating the Emancipation Proclamation is June 20 to June 21 at Sim Scott Park in Columbus, Miss. Admission is free and open to the public. Days’ events include softball tournament, senior-citizen

events and children’s activities. For more information contact 329-5871.

Family day: The Columbus Marina hosts “Family Day on the Water” from 4 to 10 p.m. June 21 with children’s games, wakeboard contests, boats, music and a fireworks finale. The headliner is Jason Williams, a “Jerry Lee Lewis-style boogie piano man” from Memphis.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 328-3286 or call toll-free at (800) 457-9739.

Diaper drive: The Columbus Crisis Pregnancy Center is accepting donations of diapers and other baby care items. For more information or to make donations, call 434-6624.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one): Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement: _____

Name: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Duty Telephone #: _____
(in case we need more information)

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

2003 Air Force marathon registration open

Susan Murphy
Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — Registra-tion is under way for the 2003 U.S. Air Force Marathon scheduled for Sept. 20 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

A meeting for Columbus AFB people who are interested in training and running the Air Force marathon, half-marathon, relay race or 5K is at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the wing headquarters conference room.

“The thrill and excitement of the race is a real rush — it can push you beyond what you think you can do,” said William McKeon, 14th Contracting Squadron. “I have run a couple of marathons in the past and I enjoy them because it is challenging and gives me a great incentive to stay in shape.”

Runner categories have changed slightly from past years.

A 5K fun run and a 1/2 marathon have been added. There will no longer be a marathon team category.

The marathon, four-person Ekiden-style relay team and wheelchair categories remain unchanged.

The Air Force Marathon, traditionally held the third Saturday of September, is open to all levels of marathoners, civilians and military, from all around the world. More than 3,200 runners participated in the marathon representing nearly every state and six countries. The first U.S. Air Force Marathon was held at Wright-Patterson AFB Sept. 20, 1997, to coincide with the Air Force’s 50th anniversary.

U.S.A. Track and Field, the governing body of long-distance running in the United States, certified the course in 1997. Air Force

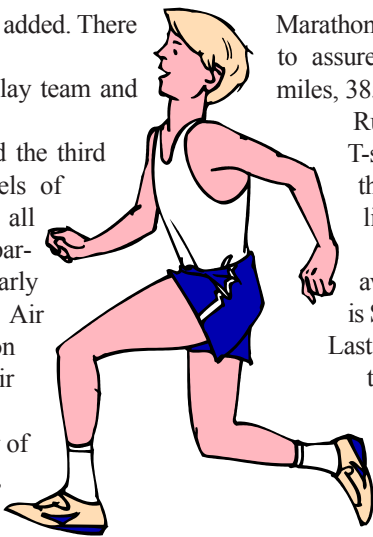
Marathon officials asked for certification in order to assure participants the course is exactly 26 miles, 385 yards.

Runners will receive a uniquely designed T-shirt and patch. Participants who finish the marathon within the eight-hour time limit will receive a medallion.

Reduced fees for early registration are available until June 30. Registration deadline is Sept. 4.

Last year Columbus AFB had 18 people participate. There were three relay teams, a marathon team and an individual runner.

For more information, call Ext. 7073, Ext. 7763 or visit <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.



Cardio 500 ends with 10 winners



1st Lt. Joseph Coslett
Jocelyn Bennet, one of 10 Cardio 500 winners, takes a step aerobics class.

1st Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

Ten people won the Columbus AFB “Cardio 500” competition as part of the May Mission Fitness Month Program.

Contestants had all of May to hit the cardio machines and log more than 100 miles on any of the machines, with the intent of getting fit.

The winners were John Hauser with 545 miles logged, Michael Rash — 471 miles, Jocelyn Bennett — 203 miles, Wes Hales —157 miles, David Eastman — 115 miles, James Bailey — 113 miles, Delena Richeson — 113 miles, James Sechrist — 106 miles, Charlene Talafuse — 104 miles and Gina Thompson — 100 miles.

“If we can get people to be involved in the program for 30 days, it builds their confidence they can continue,” said Rob Wilburn, fitness center director.

The winners, after their month-long experience, received a T-shirts and a water bottle.

“[The fitness center] wants to make sure those who serve are physically fit,” said Mr. Wilburn.

Next month the fitness center is conducting an indoor triathlon. For more information call the fitness center at Ext. 2772.

Hauser quoted former President John F. Kennedy about the threat of being unfit, “Our growing softness, our increasing lack of physical fitness, is a menace to our security.”

SHORTS

Top-3 golf tournament

The Columbus AFB Top-3 sponsors a wing golf tournament at noon June 13 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course.

The format in nine holes, four-person scramble.

The cost is \$10 plus green fees, and mulligans are sold for \$5 per team. For more information or to sign up, call Ext. 7004 or Ext. 2389.

Cosmic no-tap bowling

All levels of bowlers are invited to enter this monthly no-tap tournament June 20. Sign up by 6:45 p.m., and the games begin at 7 p.m. Entry is \$10 per person.

Players must get a strike with a red-head pin to spin the wheel to win a prize.

Every game, randomly selected individuals are challenged to knock down a certain number of bowling pins. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

Poker fun/run walk

A 1.5 mile walk or three-mile run is at 8 a.m. June 20 at the fitness and sports center.

Each participant is given two cards to begin and pick up three more along the way.

The person with the best hand at the end wins a prize. There is a winner for both the walker and runner categories. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Recreational soccer league

A recreational soccer league for BLAZE and military identification card holder is year round.

The league for ages 18 and older only. The league features a double round-robin season, followed by a single elimination tournament with games being played on the weekends. Forms are available at the fitness center front desk.

Check out the web site for all the latest updates go to [www. geoci ties.com/columbusfutbol/](http://www.geocities.com/columbusfutbol/).

For more information, call Ext. 2772 or stop by the fitness and sports center.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

The Air Force Thunderbirds fly in formation over more than 60,000 people during the Wings Over Columbus Centennial of Flight Air Show Sunday.

Wing commander thanks BLAZE team for hard work

To the entire BLAZE Team,
Thanks for your outstanding work making Wings Over Columbus a huge success. We just had an awesome air show weekend, all due to your hard work. Your professionalism came shining through in red, white and blue. Serving food in the booths, directing traffic, parking cars, selling souvenirs, escorting visiting aircrew ... every one of them had great comments about you and your awe-inspiring patriotism.

A special thanks to air show director, Lt. Col. Sonic Johnson, and his massive team of pros, especially Lt. Col. Gus Chandler, Lt. Col. Jim Davis, Capt. Kevin Mountcastle, Capt. Cole Johnson, Capt. Chad Segura, Capt. Johnny Smith, Wayne McNeely, Hardy Smith and Carl Fowler. They’ve gone full bore for months planning and orchestrating ... and the results bore it all out in flawless execution by hundreds of motivated workers and volunteers.

Another key indicator of success — an estimated 60,000 visitors came out on a Sunday to see your Centennial of Flight. They were here from Jackson,

Tupelo, Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and as far away as Nashville. The only way they knew about the show was through some absolutely incredible public affairs work that netted more than \$150,000 worth of advertising. Thanks to our public affairs top performers, there’s never been a bigger ad campaign in Mississippi.

Finally, from the Thunderbirds to the many local dignitaries, each told me how impressive the people of Columbus AFB are and how proud they are of each of you. The Thunderbird leader said it all, “one squared-away air show ... the best one the team had been to in two years around the world.”

My assessment — great warrior spirit and a rock star performance. And the wing needs some well-deserved time off. The flying timeline can’t give up a full BLAZE day, but we can take half of one — the afternoon of June 13. Thanks for standing tall, flying high and making America proud.

Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Hunt Coleman, 5, plays on the slides at the air show play land.



2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore

A parachute jumper falls carrying the flag to start the air show.